

V. Conclusion and Further Work

Analysis of the Wilmington Directories provides evidence that suggests that the average status of the black population declined after the riot. There was a decrease in the black population relative to the white population. The directory data also provides evidence to suggest that the business climate after the riot became relatively more favorable for white businesses and labor while at the same time becoming less favorable for black businesses and labor. This is shown by the significant decrease in the number of blacks employed and blacks owning businesses relative to whites.

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